

The case against atheism

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Before renaissance, the existence of God was widely accepted. The bare concept that real atheism existed was questioned. People even believed that babies were born with the belief in God.

THEISTS REACTION TO A STRESSFUL LIFE EVENT

An argument that true atheism exists is the reaction to people in front of a stressful, difficult life event like a critical illness, or death. Even hardcore atheists are quick to fall into prayers to implore a deity to save or help in the situation.

GOD IS A FEELING

One argument atheists use to disprove god's existence is that God cannot be experienced through senses. Neither can emotions, values, beliefs, nor thoughts, however, they still exist because we can feel them. So can God: His existence can be felt.

GOD EXISTENCE: A UNIVERSAL PHENOMENON

Another argument against atheism is that religion is a universal phenomenon: every society as been confronted to the same questions: creation, birth, death, moral, salvation, and eschatology (discourse on the end of the world) and they have all reached the same conclusions: There must be a greater power than ourselves that is the cause of that is unknown.

THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE: A TESTIMONIAL TO GOD'S EXISTENCE

Theists believe in divine creation. Atheists don't. Atheists believe matter has always existed, in the present form or in the form of [energy](#). What theists believe to be creation was merely a change of state of matter. Theists' argument about creation: What else than God (a supernatural power) could have triggered that change of state?

THE THEORY OF INTELLIGENT [DESIGN](#)

One of the latest arguments for the existence of God is in Intelligent Design theory that some elements of our universe are best explained by an intelligent cause and not by [natural selection](#) or random causes. This theory is one of the latest scientific explanations for the creation of the universe and life. Explaining it would require an entire article by itself. Summarily, "Intelligent design" includes considerations on the values of fundamental physical constants (nuclear strong force, weak force, electro-magnetic force, gravity), the supercords theory, masses of fundamental particles (bosons, mesons, leptons, photons, quarks and other sub-atomic particles), as well as the precision of chemical elements and other features of the universe. All of the universe's elements are tuned so finely and with such a precision that it would requires intelligence to design it, an intelligence without which elements like galaxies, stars, planets and thus life would have never been formed. The universe in its perfection cannot be the consequence of randomization. It was thus created by a superior intelligence (God).

Blaise Pascal, a French philosopher of the 17th century, provided one of the best, if not the oldest arguments against atheism:

"The wise and safe choice is to live as though God does exist. If we are right, we gain everything, and lose nothing. If we are wrong, we lose nothing and gain nothing. Therefore, based on simple mathematics, only the fool would choose to live a Godless life."

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